

**AODA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
JANUARY 20, 2009
MINUTES**

Present: Dennis Williams, Harlow Bielefeldt, Dick Manke, James Pearson, Lee Wipfli, Lou Hernandez, Wendy Treptow, Jim Aker, Susan Andrews

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

Introductions

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the November 18, 2008 meeting were approved as read.

Presentation

Betty Groenwold from SOPHIA updated the committee on their efforts since the last meeting where they presented their program. The City of Waukesha lacks adequate beds for homeless men. The Director of Hebron House asked the priest at St. Matthias to be available as a temporary drop-in shelter for men. The Milwaukee Journal wrote an article on the issue. There is a group within SOPHIA working on a long term housing issue.

Some businesses are concerned about presenting a community that welcomes business. Some neighbors have fears about safety. Hebron House is working on addressing the unknown fears and stereotypes of who needs shelter. Discussion followed.

Dennis brought up the need for better statistics on homeless residents.

New Business

There is a continuing need for treatment for opiate addicts and their families. James Pearson stated that he receives many calls at the Addiction Resource Council from families wanting to know what they can do to help their family member.

The group also discussed the need for adolescent treatment. All types: inpatient, halfway houses, day treatment and outpatient treatment.

Dennis requests that Mike DeMares attend the next meeting to discuss the budget and funding for AODA treatment in Waukesha County.

Citizen Member Report

None

AODA Staff Liaison Report

The Waukesha County AODA Volunteers training at the Mental Health Center in November of 2008 went well. There is another training session on January 31, 2009 at the Mental Health Center. Harlow was thanked for his work with the Volunteers.

Announcement

James Pearson announced that the Addiction Resource Council will have an open house on February 13, 2009 in the afternoon.

Adjournment

A motion was made by James Pearson seconded by Lee Wipfli to adjourn the meeting. The motion was voted on and passed. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Minutes recorded by Dawn Cagney

Approved on _____
Date